

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1427 without my signature.

While I support the intent of the measure to increase staff training, improve services and reduce staff turnover in programs serving persons with developmental disabilities, I cannot support this bill. California's continued budget challenges have required system-wide temporary cost containment measures that maintained rates for many service providers at their current level for five consecutive years. The pilot program established by this bill would provide rate increases to a select group of providers during a time when continued fiscal constraints require that we continue important statewide cost containment measures.

Our state budget challenges cannot allow for the significant resources needed to implement this pilot program. For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger